

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Date: April 24, 2006

Sealed Bids will be received by Catawba County (OWNER) at 100 A South West Boulevard, Newton, North Carolina, 28658 in the 2nd floor meeting room until 9:00a.m. local time, May 25, 2006. At said place and time, and promptly thereafter, all Bids that have been duly received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be on the blank, blue forms provided in the Contract Documents. Bids are to be sealed in an envelope clearly marked "PROPOSAL FOR GREGORY WOOD PRODUCTS PUMP STATION AND SANITARY SEWER".

The proposed Work is generally described as follows:

All work for the project shall be installed and constructed in accordance with the Drawings and Specifications prepared by Camp Dresser & McKee. The proposed improvements will be awarded and constructed under one Contract. Bids shall be submitted for furnishing, delivering, and installing all materials, equipment, and services, including labor, for the Work. The Work generally includes construction of one submersible wastewater pump station, approximately 16,600 linear feet of 6-inch-diameter force main, a bid alternate of approximately 4,000 linear feet of 8-inch-diameter gravity sewer, and associated work.

Prices quoted shall remain firm for a period of 90 days. All Bids must be in accordance with the Bidding Documents on file with Catawba County (Owner) and at the office of Camp Dresser & McKee, 301 S. McDowell St., Suite 512, Charlotte, NC 28204. Copies of the Bidding Documents have also been provided to plan rooms of Associated General Contractors and F. W. Dodge Corporation in Charlotte, North Carolina and CDC News in Cary, North Carolina.

Copies of the Bidding Documents (Project Specifications and Drawings) may be obtained from Camp Dresser & McKee at the address stipulated herein at a charge of \$150.00 (cash or check made out to Camp Dresser & McKee). No refunds will be made.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Owner's second floor conference room at 100 A South West Boulevard, Newton, North Carolina, 28658 at 3:30 p.m. on May 11, 2006. Attendance is encouraged.

All bidders are hereby notified that in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes 133-3, Catawba County has identified a specific preferred brand item for this project. The preferred brand is Flygt pumps as referenced in Alternate No. 2. The specific preferred brand item listed will be an agenda item at the pre-bid conference.

Bidders must be licensed contractors in the State of North Carolina. All bidders are hereby notified that they must be properly licensed under the state laws governing their respective trades. Bidders are also hereby notified that applicable provisions of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes for the State of North Carolina shall be observed in the receiving of bids and awarding of the contracts for the work.

Bids will be received on a unit price basis. A bid security in an amount of 5 percent of the Bidder's maximum Bid must accompany each bid.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance Bond and a Construction Payment Bond as security for the faithful performance and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the Contract.

Contractor and all Subcontractors will be required to conform to the labor standards set forth in the Contract Documents.

The Bidder is required to make positive efforts to use small and minority-owned businesses in accordance to State G.S. 143-128.2. The Bidder shall identify on its Bid the minority business participation it will use on the Project in accordance with G.S. 143-128.2.C that is effective January 1, 2002.

All bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours Standards Act, and 40 CFR 33.1016. Contractors and Subcontractors must comply with 41 CFR 60-4, in regard to affirmative action, to ensure equal opportunity to females and minorities and will apply the timetables and goals set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.

Bidders are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this award.

Contracts awarded under this "Invitation to Bid" are expected to be funded in part by an Economic Development Administration Grant. Neither the EDA nor any of its department agencies or employees is or will be a party to this "Invitation to Bid" or any resulting contract. This procurement will be subject to state and federal regulations.

This project is also funded in part with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. This is one element of this \$1,106,100.00 CDBG Project, which will utilize local funds of \$275,593.00, \$348,600.00 of EDA Grant funds and CDBG funds of \$481,907.00. CDBG funds will finance 44% of the total project cost.

Catawba County is an Equal Opportunity Employer, promotes Fair Housing and encourages small, minority, physically handicapped and women's businesses to submit bids. Each bidder shall make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business enterprises on this project.

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids including without limitation the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids, and will award to lowest responsive, responsible Bidder taking into consideration quality, performance, and time specified in Bid Form for performance of Work. Owner also reserves the right to waive informalities.

If the Contract is to be awarded, Owner will give the Successful Bidder a Notice of Award within the number of days set forth in the Bid Form for acceptance of the Bid.